

these MEP Centers help fulfill one of the top priorities stated in the Administration's budget: "revitalize the economy and create jobs." MEP helps small manufacturers stay competitive and, in 2000, helped these businesses attain \$2.3 billion in increased or retained sales, save costs of \$480 million, and create or retain more than 25,000 jobs.

While the time remaining in this session is short, I want to introduce this NIST Authorization bill to stimulate the productive dialog that we have had with interested members and the Administration on the programs of NIST. I look forward to continuing this work during the 108th Congress.

#### SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 359—RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE THURGOOD MARSHALL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Mr. HOLLINGS (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mrs. CLINTON) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:

S. RES. 359

Whereas in 1987, the Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund was founded, under the leadership of Dr. N. Joyce Payne, in conjunction with its founding corporate sponsors, Miller Brewing Corporation and the National Basketball Association;

Whereas since its inception, the Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund has provided more than \$20,000,000 in scholarships and programmatic support to students attending the 45 historically Black public colleges and universities (including 5 historically Black law schools) that make up the fund's membership;

Whereas the Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund is the only national organization to provide merit scholarships and programmatic and capacity-building support to 45 historically Black public colleges and universities;

Whereas the Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund was created to bridge the technological, financial, and programmatic gaps between historically Black public and private colleges and universities;

Whereas the 45 member institutions of the Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund are a critical source of public higher education for African Americans, with more than 215,000 students at the institutions;

Whereas more than 77 percent of all students enrolled in historically Black colleges and universities attend member institutions of the Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund;

Whereas the legacy and commitment to education of the Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund centers on a foundation of preparing a new generation of leaders;

Whereas the Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund continues to provide students quality academic instruction in a positive learning environment while promoting equal opportunity in higher education; and

Whereas October 2002 marks the 15th anniversary of the Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) fully supports the goals and ideals of the Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund; and

(2) salutes and acknowledges the Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund and its vigorous and persistent efforts in support of equal opportunity in higher education.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 360—CONGRATULATING FORMER PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER FOR BEING AWARDED THE 2002 NOBEL PEACE PRIZE, AND COMMENDING HIM FOR HIS LIFETIME OF DEDICATION TO PEACE

Mr. DODD (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. MILLER, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. REID, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mr. AKAKA) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 360

Whereas in 1978, President Carter personally negotiated with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin to reach the Camp David Accords, the cornerstone of all subsequent peace efforts in the Middle East;

Whereas President Carter completed negotiations on the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks II (SALT II) and continued to make strategic arms control a focus of United States security policy;

Whereas President Carter emphasized the importance of human rights as a key element of United States foreign policy;

Whereas former President Carter and his wife Rosalynn established the Carter Center in 1982;

Whereas the Carter Center has taken an active and vital role in world affairs, always seeking to improve human rights, promote democracy, resolve conflicts, and enhance the lives of the people of the world;

Whereas former President Carter has made countless trips abroad to promote peace, democracy, and human rights, including visits to East Timor, North Korea, Cuba, Haiti, Nicaragua, and Mexico, among many others; and

Whereas former President Carter has made the promotion of peace, democracy, and human rights his life's work: Now, therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate recognizes and congratulates former President Jimmy Carter for being awarded the 2002 Nobel Peace Prize and commends him for his tireless work for and dedication to peace.

#### SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 159—TO CORRECT THE ENROLLMENT OF S. 1843

Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. MURKOWSKI) submitted the following concurrent resolution, which was considered and agreed to:

S. CON. RES. 159

*Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring)*, That in the enrollment of the bill (S. 1843) To extend certain hydro-electric licenses in the State of Alaska the Secretary of the Senate is hereby authorized and directed, in the enrollment of the said bill, to make the following corrections, namely:

In subsection (c), delete "3 consecutive 2-year time periods." and insert "one 2-year time period."

#### AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED & PROPOSED

SA 4970. Mr. REID (for Mr. BINGAMAN) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 695, to

establish the Oil Region National Heritage Area.

SA 4971. Mr. REID (for Mr. BINGAMAN) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 941, to revise the boundaries of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area in the State of California, to extend the term of the advisory commission for the recreation area, and for other purposes.

SA 4972. Mr. REID (for Mr. BINGAMAN) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1894, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the national significance of the Miami Circle site in the State of Florida as well as the suitability and feasibility of its inclusion in the National Park System as part of Biscayne National Park, and for other purposes.

SA 4973. Mr. REID (for Mr. BINGAMAN) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 980, an act to establish the Moccasin Bend National Archeological District in the State of Tennessee as a unit of Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park.

SA 4974. Mr. REID (for Mr. BINGAMAN) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 37, to amend the National Trails System Act to update the feasibility and suitability studies of 4 national historic trails and provide for possible additions to such trails.

SA 4975. Mr. REID (for Mr. BINGAMAN) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 198, to require the Secretary of the Interior to establish a program to provide assistance through States to eligible weed management entities to control or eradicate harmful, nonnative weeds on public and private land.

SA 4976. Mr. REID (for Mr. BINGAMAN) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 2670, to establish Institutes to conduct research on the prevention of, and restoration from, wildfires in forest and woodland ecosystems.

SA 4977. Mr. REID (for Mr. BINGAMAN) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 2222, to resolve certain conveyances and provide for alternative land selections under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act related to Cape Fox Corporation and Sealaska Corporation, and for other purposes.

SA 4978. Mr. REID (for Mr. BINGAMAN) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 2556, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain facilities to the Fremont-Madison Irrigation District in the State of Idaho.

#### TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

**SA 4970.** Mr. REID (for Mr. BINGAMAN) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 695, to establish the Oil Region National Heritage Area; as follows:

1. On page 44, line 22, strike "Act" and insert "title".
2. On page 45, line 11, strike "Act:" and insert "title:"
3. Beginning on page 99, line 13, insert the following:

TITLE IX—CROSSROADS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

#### SEC. 901. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the "Crossroads of the American Revolution National Heritage Area Act of 2002".

#### SEC. 902. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

(1) the State of New Jersey was critically important during the American Revolution because of the strategic location of the State between the British armies headquartered in New York City, New York, and the Continental Congress in the city of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania;